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1. WE WILL BE CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WISH TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH ON THIS MATTER CAN NOW BE MADE IN NEW YORK WHILE MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD IS THERE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS SUBJECT, INCLUDING THE TACTICS TO BE FOLLOWED, BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY WITH HIM.

2. IN PRINCIPLE THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT SAUDI ARABIA'S SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE CLOSE AND--PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD--GROWING. THIS SUPPORT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO A HELPFUL POSTURE AT THE UN, HOWEVER, LARGELY BECAU OF AMB BAROODY'S SELF-STYLED ROLE AS ASIAN PEACE MAKER. HE IS DIFFICULT TO REIN IN FROM JIDDA, AS WAS EVIDENT LAST YEAR. BAROODY WILL FOLLOW EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRINCE SAUD AFTER SAUD HAS RETURNED HOME. IN THE ABSENCE OF PERCISE INSTRUCTIONS, BAROODY'S PREDILECTION

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FOR FREE-WHEELING MAY BEGIN TO ASSERT ITSELF AND HE MAY

HAVE MUDDIED THE WATERS BEFORE WE CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED ORDERING HIM TO TOE THE LINE.

3. IN ADDITION TO PRINCE SAUD, VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE TOP ECHELON OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CURRENTLY IN THE US. THIS INCLUDES THE DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AMB ABDARAHMAN AL MANSURI, THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, AMB ZEIN DABBAGH, AND THE DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS, AUB NURI IBRAHIM. IF FOR SOME REASON PRINCE SAUD IS NOT AVAILABLE, AN APPROACH COULD BE MADE THROUGH ANY OF THESE PERSONS OF THROUGH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE US ALI ALIREZA. THE OBJECTIVE OF ANY APPROACH SHOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN TO BAROODY BY PRINCE SAUD BEFORE THE LATTER LEAVES NEW YORK.
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